

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
February 21, 2012 Meeting
1930 EST
Harold Martin School
APPROVED 03/20/12

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order at 1934 EST.

Present were: Jed Merrow, Derek Owen, Lee Wilder, Tim White, Rob Knight, and Erick Leadbeater . Guest Stacy Luke

1. Stacy Luke (info@merrimackccd.org) from Merrimack County Conservation District re controlling invasive plant species on HCC managed conservation lands. Stacy explained how an IPM grant for such could work for Hopkinton. Grant cycle runs Nov 1 for a year. Second option is a Moose Plate Grant. They are due in October of each year.
Grants would hire a certified applicator to do the necessary eradication methods and application(s). (Jeff Taylor, Vegetative Control specialist, Athol, MA, was named as an example of a “known” applicator [used by Derry NH].)
Discussion followed. We need names of properties, acreage w/ invasive species and what needs to be done. Some monies are federal and come to the NH Dept of Agriculture, which awards the grants. Grants over \$5K have to go to governor and council. Selectmen may have a say in acceptance of grant monies. Hawthorne, Ransmeier, Rollins and Houston Field are up for visit/consideration
First step is to meet with applicator for suggested procedure and costs. Erick and Stacy will arrange that and report back at the March 2012 HCC meeting. Thanks Stacy for your help and knowledge.
2. Minutes of the January 17, 2011 HCC Meeting were approved as written.
3. Discussion re mowing of Rollins Lot (field). Erick and applicator will discuss possible solutions after upcoming site visit.
4. Notice from Karen Robertson looking for someone to sit on Currier and Ives Scenic Highway Council. It was suggested that Byron Carr might be interested. Lee will check with Byron.
5. Division of Forest and Lands is doing a timber harvest in the Mast Yard State Forest.
6. Tim is still confirming the cost and status of the invoice for the HCC www.site design project.
7. Five Rivers Conservation Trust forwarded copies of the 2011 Stewardship Monitoring Reports prepared for the Ransmeier Woods, Carson Lot, Bohanan Farm East and West Lots and the Bermuda-Harris lot. Lee will take to Town hall to have them filed with the respective properties.
8. HCC Budget for January 2012 was discussed.
9. Jed prepared an HCC 2011 Financial Summary. Jed submitted statement to Deb Gallant for 2011 Town report.

10. Rob Knight reports that selectman, Denis Goddard will be hosting the HCC website and domain name for the time being.
11. Jed reported progress on the HCC Hopkinton Culvert Inventory. Jed was told that the Town DOT is currently preparing a culvert inventory and will forward a copy to Jed.
12. Tim said Digit Taylor asked him to check with GRANIT re submitting Town Parcel Maps. After discussion, it was decided that the current process is too complex for our needs. At present.
13. Ron is working with Brad Watson re an agreement for Brad's reconditioning the field at Ransmeier Woods for his agricultural use.
14. Ron reports success finding 1837 hanging site, east of Briar Hill Road, north of Hopkinton Village Center. And the band played on...

Meeting adjourned at 2108 EDT. Next meeting is Tues. 03/20/12 at 1930EST at Harold Martin School. Stacy will probably be present to report on site visits. Derek is Host. Thanks to Tim for ginger bread and lemon curd.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Wilder
HCC Secretary